

BILL NO. 36-0145

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

August 26, 2025

An act ratifying the Governor's approval of the Modification and Extension of Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and CZJ-03-14 (L)

PROPOSED BY: Senator Milton E. Potter, by Request of the Governor

WHEREAS, Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permits Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and 6 CZJ-03-14 (L) were modified under Act No. 8407, enacted on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, development of the permitted project has been delayed by numerous legal actions as well as modifying the project to meet the requirements of the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") to receive approval of Permit Application #SAJ-2004-12518; and

WHEREAS, since ratification, the permittee has made substantial environmental and regulatory progress, including securing a favorable section 106 determination and implementing numerous environmental enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the USACE is expected to issue the corresponding federal permit in the upcoming quarter; and

WHEREAS, the modification and extension must be approved to ensure the permit remains in full force and to avoid jeopardizing federal approval and project financing; and

WHEREAS, the Summer's End Marina project is anticipated to bring over \$130 million in private investment, hundreds of construction and permanent jobs and long-term growth to the Virgin Islands, especially the island of St. John; and

WHEREAS, the project will also improve disaster preparedness and maritime resilience in Coral Bay by providing critical emergency access and staging infrastructure in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to 12 V.I.C. § 911(g), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands ratifies the Governor’s approval of the Modification and Extension of Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and CZJ-03-14 (L), as documented in the Governor’s letter to Ms. Chaliiese Summers, Managing Member of the Summer's End Group, LLC, dated July 31, 2025, titled “Modification and Extension of Consolidated Major Coastal Zone Management Permit Nos. CZJ-04-14 (W) and CZJ-03-14 (L); the Summer’s End Group, LLC”, for the construction of a marina and various supporting facilities in Coral Bay, St. John.

BILL SUMMARY

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